

configurations. The Office Action notes that Massiglia fails to show this feature (page 2, section 3 of the Office Action). Accordingly, it is believed that Massiglia alone cannot anticipate these claims.

Correspondence Address and Power of Attorney

Please note that a limited power to inspect was filed on 4/25/01, and that the Office mistakenly treated this as a change in Power of Attorney and Correspondence Address. As indicated on the accompanying papers, the correspondence address should be:

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Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1-8, 13-15 and 17-20 (16 is not initially mentioned but is treated later within the body of the rejection) were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as unpatentable over Massiglia in view of Filgate, and claims 9-12 as unpatentable over Massiglia in view of Filgate and further in view of Matoba. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

It is respectfully believed that Filgate is not available as a reference under 35 USC 103, as amended, because the subject matter of the instant invention was owned by the same person (i.e., Compaq Computer Corporation) as the Filgate reference at the time the invention was made. Hence, the reference is potentially available only under 102(e) or (f), which are explicitly excluded from consideration under 35 U.S.C. 103(c). Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103, all of which require the Filgate reference, be withdrawn.

A. Conclusion

In view of all of the above claims 1-20 are believed to be allowable and the case in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. The references that were cited and not relied upon are believed to be no more pertinent than those references that were relied upon.

No additional fee is believed to be required by this response as determined on the accompanying transmittal letter. Should any other fee be required, please charge Deposit 50-1123.

Should any extension of time be required please consider this a petition therefore and charge the required fee to Deposit Account 50-1123.

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